

between the censuses of 1881 and 1891, then in 1901 it will contain no fewer than 17,127,615 human beings. If, on the other hand, we suppose that the recent rate of progress cannot be kept up, and that the metropolis hereafter will only expand by means of the natural increase of births over deaths, then the population fifty years hence will be 10,816,079. If, finally, all ratios of increase should be disregarded, and we should simply add for each decade the precise number of persons added in the ten years preceding 1891, we should obtain 10,667,000 as the population of 1941. After weighing all the considerations that might affect the calculation, the committee of the County Council determined to accept 12,000,000 as the most reasonable estimate of the population of London fifty years hence, and they accordingly recommended that the scale of the new works should be adjusted to this computation.

Of what incredible complexity and amplitude are the conditions of food-purveyance presented by such a stupendous live of human beings! Of what unparalleled intricacy and importance are the sanitary problems involved! With what peculiar fervor should the swarming inhabitants of future London pray to be delivered from plague and pestilence, and with what new and appalling terrors would war be clothed through its threatened disruption of the machinery relied upon for a daily food supply.

It is obvious that no city comparable in size with the London of the future can exist on the Continent of Europe until there is a general disarmament of the nations and a universal acquiescence in a regime of peace. To such a huge urban population, massed under supremely artificial conditions, the relative security afforded by England's insular situation is indispensable. Paris, Berlin, Vienna must incessantly contemplate the possibility of invasion, and it is certain that no city containing ten and a half millions of inhabitants could withstand a siege. The unprecedented magnitude which London seems destined to attain is due to the fact that its rampart is the sea, and with every year it will become a matter of more vital moment to make certain that the British Navy keeps the rampart safe. — *New York Sun.*

BITS OF INFORMATION.

A watch has 176 600 ticks a year.
A guinea gun fires 5,000 shots a minute.
St. Gothard tunnel is nine and a half miles long.

The proper complement of human teeth is thirty-two.
Clouds are on the average about 500 yards in thickness.

There are 6,000,000 leaves upon an elm tree thirty feet high.
On an average 20,000 widowers re-marry as again at 18,000 widows.

People as a rule hear better with their right than with their left ear.
Excluding Alaska, Brazil is larger in extent than the United States.

In the reign of Louis XVI. the hats of the ladies were two feet high and four wide.
The largest ears have only sixteen ounces of brain; the largest men have sixteen ounces.

All the glaciers in the Alps would not equal one of the largest in the Territory of Alaska.
The first naval expedition on record was that of the Argonaut, probably piloted by B.C. 1263.

The first sea fight mentioned in history was between the Corinthians and Ceryneans, B.C. 604.
The United States has a lower percentage of blind people than any other country in the world.

There were no italics used in the Biblical text until the time of the King James version, 1611.
The itching found in infected pork are sometimes so numerous that 80,000 have been found to the cubic inch.

Attila, King of the Huns, was buried in three coffins—the first of gold, the second of silver and the third of iron.
In 1871 500 leading doctors of England issued a cautionary declaration against the use of alcohol in medical practice.

"The Star Song of the Banner" is an adaptation of "Anacron" in "evening" composed by Dr. Samuel Arnold of England in 1770.
The amount of air that a man will inhale in twenty-four hours will fill seventy-eight hogsheads and weigh fifty-three pounds.

The wood area of the United States is 1,113,000 square miles, or an area amounting to twenty-five States as big as Pennsylvania.
If human dwellings were constructed on the same proportionate scale as the anti-hill in Africa, private residences would be a mile high.

The capital "A" occurs 3,791 times in the Old Testament. The capital letter "Q" will be found but twice in the Old Testament and three times in the New.
"Soundalike" is a slang name for money had, its origin in the Greek word *symploke*, a shell; shell of that species being once used as money, both in Greece and in Rome.

The army of Philip of Macedon was the largest standing army known up to his time, containing 500,000 foot and 100,000 horse. Its main reliance was a great phalanx of 18,000 men.

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

(COMPILED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.)
Many a girl who marries for leisure repeats in haste.
When you give advice don't try to put it all in italics.

A great truth—it is still the right time to advertise.
Jerusalem is now a railway terminus.
A girl should marry for protection instead of for revenue only.

There is no killing the wasp with that device has once begotten.
Riches have wings, but it is a sad fact that they rarely fly our way.
Conceit is the most incurable disease that is known to the human soul.

The United States Senate is one of those things that go without saying.
People who are always boasting generally pay about double for what they get.
Never say you know a man till you have divided an inheritance with him.

All people have a history, but the wise ones are not in the biography business.
Most of the United States Senators read their speeches. Most other people don't.
A newspaper, Ky, girl married a fellow seventeen feet tall. She had loved him long.

Ever visible in these days is checked in the baggage car except the iron tubers.
A man always takes a good look at his wife when he finds the house locked up.
Waiting time on the corner gives the husband on the mortgage a chance to catch up.

In the speculative world the telegraph operator frequently holds the key to the situation.
Every man has some wish to himself, but when he sees other people's wishes, he is content.
Some critics are so good as to be called and others are only so called as to be called.

Never think of a woman as being a good wife unless she is a good mother.
Belle I guess he didn't get it right.
There are reasons for believing a person is a deal smaller than when viewed by a camera.

So far no one has ever made the blunder of painting a Cupid to look as if he had any sense. Those who habitually ask advice never remember it when they win, nor forget it if they lose.

"There is no such word as fail." "No, not any more; it's either an assignment or a receiver-ship."

The motto of too many business men seems to be—If at first you don't succeed, fail, fail, again.

Misunderstood—"So poor Jim is dead? Peace to his ashes?" "Do you think he has gone there?"

A silver dollar is like a great many women—it goes for its face value, but it is worth a great deal less.

The latest method of eloping is by bicycle. In such instances it is love which makes the wheels go round.

We ought, says the *Troy Press*, to keep peace with China so long as we have a Pacific Ocean between us.

A correspondent asks: "How can I get a copious flow of language?" "Try stepping on a brass tack."

No Room for Aestheticism—"Do you believe in dreams?" "Why, of course I've often had them myself."

It's no use to ask a man who is gone to have a tooth pulled whether he doesn't think this is just a perfect day.

When a woman hears a man praising another woman to her face she thinks what horrible deceivers men are.

The Lesser of Two Evils—Give me neither poverty nor riches, but if I must have one of them give me riches.

Whenever you have a proposition to get something for nothing, it will pay you to walk around it by the furthest route.

Some people are so kind to tell the truth. If you ask one of them to lend you \$1 he will declare he hasn't a cent.

The enter of the early apple catches the worm. In carrying a gun the great point is to point the muzzle the other way.

"So poor Dradger is gone, is he?" "Yes—worked himself to death." "Keep up his payments on life insurance."

She—Do you think it is the sign of death when a dog howls beneath your window? He—Yes, if you are a good shot.

Little Alice—What is a boor, mamma? Cynical Mamma—A boor, dear, is a man who has never been taught to lie.

Acres—I wonder what I shall do this season to keep myself before the public. Sister Acres—Why don't you try acting?

Young Senior—You wouldn't take me for a married man, would you? Miss Fyrt—I rather think I would, if you should ask me.

A reputation once broken may possibly be repaired, but the world will always keep their eyes on the spot where the crack was.

Maud—(with partner)—How do you feel? Ethel—(sitting alone)—Fine as a fiddle. Maud—(mildly)—What without a head?

We king for perfection in about as remunerative as planting pebbles with the idea that they will grow into marble columns.

A disturbing feature of the love feast between France and Russia is that France is providing the love and Russia is doing the feasting.

Hadn't Lucka—(to her sister)—"Have you any good news for me?" "Yes, she—There wasn't any when you came, Mr. Staylong."

Early Explained—"I always knew he was too timid to propose." "But he married a short time ago." "Yes, but he married a widow."

"George, father has failed." "Thank! Just like him. I told you all along, darling, that he was going to do all he could to keep us from marrying."

Very Unfortunate—"It's quite tough to own only one pair of clothes," said Hicks. "Simmons, some one steals it. Why, you have absolutely no redress."

"And how is your table?" asked the prospective boarder. "Splendid!" said the landlady. "Why, it's so rich that people are dying of indigestion all the time."

An extraordinary woman. "When I proposed to her what do you think she said?" "This is so sudden, of course." "No, sir," said the man. "Did you ever read 'The Man Without a Country'?" "Yes, but I can't sympathize with him." "I am 'The Man Without Any Relatives in Chicago.'"

A lady reader wants to know if we believe in cures by "laying on of hands." We do, madame, we do most fervently. But a slipper or the back of a hair brush is better.

More Information—Tommy—Paw, what is the equinox? Mr. Pig—Equinox, my son, is derived from two words, equus and ex. It is one of the fruits of the horned horse.

Judge—You are charged with being drunk, but haven't I seen you somewhere before? Prisoner—You have. We took the gold cure together. Judge—Discharged.

Too Serious—Elsie—Why did you break off your engagement with George? Gladys—You see, we were forced to be together a good deal, and I found I was getting tired of him. Gladys—One of the best—Englishman—This is beastly weather. Englishman—Really? Why, there's nothing animal about it, is there? Englishman—Certainly, isn't it raining cats and dogs?

A CHICAGO BIBLIOPHILE.
I asked her if she had read Kant.
"Oh," she replied, "he's a bore."
But I have a sweet copy of Dante
With beautiful pictures by Dore.

A Sublimity—Kingsley—"Don't you think it retards digestion to read a newspaper at meal times?" Blago—"On the contrary. I find it the great help. When my wife makes a failure of the breakfast I devour the paper."

Mother—For mercy's sake, child, what do you expect to do in the world? You can't cook, nor sew, nor teach school, and you are not an actress; what can you do? Daughter—Well, mother, I can get married, can't I?

Not the right answer—Female Sunday school teacher (who is trying to explain the parable of the Good Shepherd). Suppose, Tommy, your children were all little sheep, what would I be? Tommy—An old ewe.

The Degradation of Art—"What's it a matter, Brube? You look sad." "I am sad. I decorated a set of soup plates for Mrs. Boodle, and what do you suppose she does with them?" "Gives it up. What?" "Uses 'em for soup!"

MODERN EPIGRAM.
Few men on this terrestrial ball
Less reason had at late to foot
He lived and died contented by all—
You see, he never was found out.

H—You consider engagements binding, you say? She—Yes. He—And yet you confess that you were engaged to two men at the same time. How can that be possible? She—The engagements were binding on them, but not on me.

Fashion Note—Mr. Uppercrust (to his son)—"I say, Charles, why don't you wear your dress suit?" Charles—"Not much. The last time I wore my dress suit was when I was a young lady ordered me to bring her a cup of coffee and be quick about it."

The tailor—Surely you don't mean that you want this coat made with a great hump of wadding in the back? Why, you'll look like a hunchback! The Customer—Hush! I'm a member of the Young Men's Bicycle Society and I'm a candidate for the Presidency of it.

MUSIC THEN AND NOW.
When music, heavenly maid, was young,
She knew enough to hold her tongue,
When music, heavenly maid, grew old,
She learned to chatter on for gold.

For music, in her middle age,
Went on the operatic stage.
"Where is the man who hit my friend?"
blest the little man in the crowd. "I done it," replied a big toughy; "what are yer going to do about it?" "Why—er—you see I am a professor of anatomy, and I should like to examine the marvelous development of your brain."

An Honest Critic—He had a justly earned reputation as a graceful speaker and asked a rural constituent, "What do you think of my effort just now?" "Well," replied the candid old gentleman, "I must say some of the words was a little too much for me. But, just to dignify by sound, I should say it was mighty fine."

A Gross Undervaluation—Maud—Have you seen Tom this morning? Jennie—No, I don't want to see him. Maud—Why not? Have you quarrelled? Jennie—No, but he's a brute. When the butting master rescued me from the doghouse yesterday, Tom told him he wanted to make some valuable recognition of what he had done, and gave him a quarter of a dollar.

KANSAS BUGS IN DANON.
The following is a sample verse from the Kansas cantata recently sung by the Topoka Modocs:
The way to knock the chinch bugs out
Is just to grab one by the snout,
Then bore a hole deep in his pate
Sufficient to in-lacuate;
Hold fast his legs, so he can't squirm,
Pour in a quart of cholera germ,
Plug up the hole, leave him at ease,
Until he gets the dread disease;
Then let him loose among his mates,
Until disease exterminates.

SONG BY THE MODOC.
I said: "The times are hard, and bread is dear
When work is not;
And sad, indeed, is poverty, and lonely is its lot;
And faint the gleam of silver is, and far the gleam of gold;
The chilly winds are blowing, but the hearth at home is cold."

Then one climbed up and twined her arms—her little arms so white—
Around my neck, and softly said: "I love of you tonight!"
And, as she cuddled close to me—the winsome little witch—
The times were hard, no longer; for her love had made me rich.

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